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1. CUBA'S DECISION TO BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, SPECULATION REGARDING FUTURE
ROLE OF DR KISSINGER IN ME TALKS, ISRAELI
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REACTION TO ARAB TERRORISTS' PLOT TO ATTACHE EL-

AL AIRLINE IN ROME AND DEFMIN DAYAN'S ADDRESS
(SEP 9) EXPRESSING ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF
INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES ARE TODAY'S MAIN TOPICS.

2. CUBA-ISRAEL. HAARETZ (IND) (MARGALIT)
QUOTES SENIOR OBSERVERS IN JERUSALEM AS SAYING
"CASTRO'S ANNOUNCEMENT... WAS AN IMPULSIVE AND
UNPLANNED STEP. NO OFFICIAL REACTION HAS COME
FROM JERUSALEM." ADDS, "CASTRO WAS UNDER PRES-
SURE BY QADDAFI WHO CALIMED THAT CASTRO DID
NOT BELING TO 'NON-ALIGNED' BECAUSE CUBA WAS
PART OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC..." JERUSALEM
POST (IND) REPORTS MOVE "CAUGHT EVERY-
ONE HERE BYVURPRISE..." NEWSPAPER EDITOR-
IALIZES THAT, "IT IS POSSIBLE CASTRO'S DECLAR-
ATION... WAS PART OF EFFORT TO PAPER OVER THE
CRACKS IN THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT... IT IS
TO BE HOPED THAT THE RUPTURE OF RELATIONS WITH
ISRAEL WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT CUBA'S
SMALL REMAINING JEWISH COMMUNITY...." YEDIOT
(IND) (GUINEY) REGARDS CASTRO'S STEP
AS "REPAYMENT OF DEBT TO ARABS AND RUSSIANS."

3. DR KISSINGER AND ME NEGOTIATIONS. HAARETZ
(SEP 9 - MARAGLIT) WRITES THAT "DR
KISSINGER, WHO WILL TAKE POLITICAL INITIATIVE
IN ME AFTER OCTOBER ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL, WILL
PREFER AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DIALOGUE TO PRECEDE
TALKS WITH ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY." ACCORDING
TO OBSERVERS IN JERUSALEM, DR KISSINGER THINKS
NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT ARE MORE IMPORTANT
THAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.
"OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT DR KISSINGER REGARDS
THE MERE EXISTENCE OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DIALOGUE
OF ANY KIND AS A POLITICAL AIM IN ITSELF ..."
MARGALIT ADDS THAT SATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED
IN JERUSALEM AT DR KISSINGER'S REMARKS THAT NO BASIC
CHANGEWILL TAKE PLACE IN US POLICY IN THE
ME. ON THE OTHER HAND "GOVERNMENT SOURCES...
MENTIONED THAT WHEN SISCO CLAIMED THAT ISRAEL
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AND THE ARABS CARRY EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR
DEADLOCK, AMB DINITIZ REACTED POLITELY
BUT FIRMLY. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS ISRAEL DOES
NOT WISH TO REACH NOW TO NIXON'S REMARKS, BUT...
THE CONTENTS OF HIMS REMARKS WERE NOT DIFFERENT
FROM SISCO'S..."

AL HAMISHMAR (MAPAM) REPORTS IMPRESSION IN
JERUSALEM IS THAT "DR KISSINGER INTENDS TO

MAKE A REAL ATTEMPT, EARLY IN 1974 TO BREAK ME DEADLOCK... IT IS KNOWN THAT HE REGARDS THE MAIN SECRET TO HIS DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES IS IN CREATING TOOLS AND CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SIDES BY OVERCOMING PROBLEMS OF PROCEDURE AND PRESTIGE."

4. ISRAELI REACTION TO ROME PLOT. PRESS GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO REPORTS THAT GOI WILL SEEK INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF ARAB TERRORISTS' PLOT TO ATTACK EL-AL AIRLINE IN ROME. FONMIN EBAN TOLD CABINET YESTERDAY (SEP 9) THAT A NOTE WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO ALL ICAO MEMBERS AND ISRAEL'S DELEGATES WOULD RAISE ISSUE DURING THE CURRENT CONFERENCE. EBAN ALSO SAID THAT "ISRAELI ENVOYS IN VARIOUS WORLD CAPITALS WILL DEMAND THAT GOVERNMENTS... MAKE STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE ROME BID... JERUSALEM HAS ALSO DRAWN ATTENTION OF US GOVT TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SUPPLY OF SOPHISTICATED SOVIET WEAPONS "TO TERRORISTS. (JERUSALEM POST). DAVAR (HISTADRUT - ESHED) WRITES THAT EXPRESSIONS MADE BY EBAN, DAYAN AND ALLON (ON TERRORISTS' PLOT) "ARE REGARDED IN JERUSALEM AS ISRAELI WARNING TO ARAB GOVTS, HELD IN JERUSALEM AS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESCALATION IN TERROR WAR AGAINST ISRAEL..."

5. DEFMIN DAYAN'S ADDRESS (SEP 9), IN HISTADRUT ELECTION RALLY ADDRESS IN BEERSHEVA, DAYAN SAID THAT "WE STILL LIVE UNDER THE SHADOW OF WAR, AND OUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS MUST BE MADE ACCORDINGLY." THE MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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CASTS THAT "THERE WILL BE NO PALESTINIAN STATE, NO JORDANIAN JERUSALEM AND NO SYRIAN GOLAN." ISRAEL, DAYAN SAID, HAS ADEQUATE FORCES TO DEFEND ITSELF, AND NEED ONLY RELY ON INTERNATIONAL FORCES OR GUARANTEES. DAYAN ALSO ALLEGED THAT SOVIET UNION STILL SUPPLIES "HUGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS" TO EGYPT,"THOUGH THIS FACT GETS NO PUBLICITY." (JERUSALEM POST). MOSS

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